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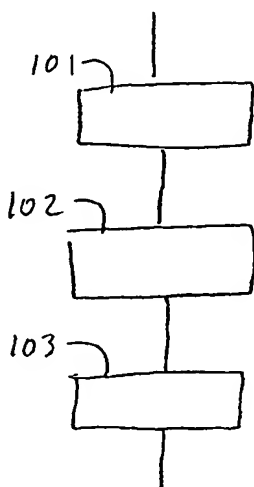
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(57) Abstract: A series of information portions are provided to a transmitter, the information portions have critical times when they need to be available to a receiver. The transmitter estimates whether the information portions can be transmitted by the transmitter in time to be made available to the receiver before the critical time. Then the transmitter only transmits the information to the receiver if it is estimated that the information portions will be transmitted in time to be made available to the receiver before the critical time.

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1. claims: 1-26,29-32

Method for estimating whether information portions can be transmitted by the transmitter on time.

2. claims: 27-28

Method for determining to transmit portions of media streams depending on the network conditions

3. claims: 33-35

Receiver comprising means for buffering information portions that arrive before critical time

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